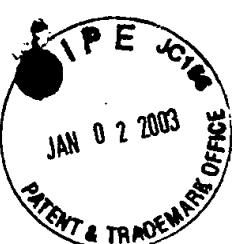


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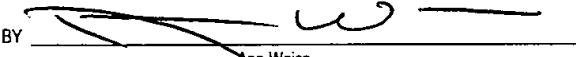
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2002 for the above-captioned patent application. This Response is submitted on or before December 26, 2002, with a request for a one (1)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Pending Claims

Claims 96-138 are pending in this application. The application contains claims related to methods and compositions. With respect to claims directed to methods, Claims 109-113 are directed to a method of delaying gastric emptying and promoting absorption of an active ingredient to be absorbed through the stomach. Claims 128-136 relate to a method of delaying gastric emptying and prolonging small intestine transit time while promoting an anti-atherogenic